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## FORBEAR ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

REV. DR. VAHAN H. TOOTIKIAN\*

ere is an old story about a man who leaving nineteen camels as his leg-his three children. His instructions that the eldest son was to receive the middle a quarter, and the third fifth of the camels. How do you e nineteen camels with that kind angement? The man's wishes were to be carried out when the young-who was also the poorest, arrived his sole possession, one camel. By ing his camel, he raised his father's y to twenty camels thus enabling vision of the father's estate to be . The oldest son received ten cam- The middle son received five camels, he youngest received the remaining camels in addition to the camel he originally donated.

hat our Union needs now are com- d men and women and churches g to put themselves into the prob- and forbear one another in love. ill benefit and be blessed.

our recent biennial convention, we he opportunity to worship together, and hear the Word together, and vship together. God is blessing our

member churches as we seek as individuals to mature in Christ and do all for His glory and praise. Twenty-three churches and three Armenian Evangelical communities constitute the AEU-NA. The unity of our churches through a single union in Christ is not an impossible dream; it is an assured and established reality. We seek to renew at each biennial convention our covenant with God and one another under the banner of Christ's love.

The recent meeting in Waltham College gave us a chance to celebrate this unity and also to launch our One Million Dollar Campaign on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the parent organization of our Union, the Armenian Evangelical Union of Eastern States. Our AEU-NA is built upon our basic loyalty to Christ and service to our people — a desire so strong that it led to the founding of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the missionary arm of the Armenian Evangelical community, which has become a bastion of hope and encouragement. We are called to rekindle our sense of identity and provide a spiritual legacy to the oncoming generations. Let us pray for the renewal of our faith following the example of the first-century Christians and Armenian Evangelicals who preceded us. We wish only to be leaven in the lump in order to save the whole mixture by giving of itself.

"What our churches need today more than anything else are members who are caught up by the demands of the Gospel and have experienced a deeper level of commitment to it. The primary task of our churches today is to lift members from their lukewarm commitment to a higher plain. If we can do that, then most of our worries about numerical shrinkage will be dissipated. For then it may well be said of us as it was once said of a handful of Christians: These people overturned the world. With such a handful, God may yet build his Kingdom on earth!"

Jirair M. Sogomian (From his "Parish Post")

## NOT FOR SELF ALONE

On my way back to the AMAA from an 11-week work in California, I stopped in Detroit for about six days to promote our Association's work in cooperation with the pastor of the local church, the Reverend Jirair Sogomian, whose guidance and arrangements, along with the response of the congregation, was most helpful.

It was April 3, 1974. Mr. Walter Philopian was driving me to the airport for my flight out of Detroit. He had given his car and relevant documents (I lost his registration) and I had used it for about a week. Consequently, I was apologetic and said, "Sorry to have imposed on you. You denied yourself the comforts of a necessity for the sake of the AMAA. I can't thank you enough." The reply of this layman both baffled and pleased me. He uttered this profound thought: "Anyone who lives for himself alone has wasted a lifetime." Next to the promise of salvation through faith, being good stewards of God's gifts is the most central message of the Gospel.

The thoughts of another layman, Mr. Charles Zoolalian of Whittier, California, who recently spent eight work weeks in the AMAA office are apropos:

"Through introspection we realize readily that our present condition and circumstances would be much different without the contributions and influence of loved ones in our lives. What if all of those people that God placed along the way failed to obey God in providing the nurture we need to become what God would have us be. Society is filled with people who are monuments to others obeying God's will in their lives through giving of themselves; life also has on display other kinds of monuments where people are less than what God intended them to be because of the sins of omission, living for oneself alone, and giving leftovers when God wants our best."

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Rev. Dr. Vahan H. Tootikian, Minister of the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown and the newly-elected Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, expressed these related thoughts at various times during the day biennial convention of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEU-NA) on June 27-30, 1974 at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

## AVEDIS AND PARANTZEM KEZLARIAN ENDOWMENT FUND AT WORK

The income of the Kezlarian Endowment Fund of \$6,1000 has been at work providing for the ministerial training of an Armenian student for the past four years. The fund was established at the death of Mother Parantzem Kezlarian by her surviving eight children. It was so established from her total estate as a result of Mother Kezlarian's desire, whose spiritual training had laid the foundation of an understanding that the spiritual edification of our Armenian people was the most urgent and important necessity.



The Rev. Edward S. Tovmassian in eulogizing her said, "Mother Kezlarian was a faithful servant of the Lord and a useful and productive steward of God's gifts and talents. Mother Kezlarian was a Matriarch of the whole Kezlarian Dynasty. God blessed her with a large family and she saw her grandchildren's children. She had eight children, seven of whom she brought forth from the land of 'bondage' to the land of 'Caanan' — to the United States. From the time of the passing away of her husband, Avedis, who died 42 years before Mother Kezlarian's death, she raised her children to distinction. She exemplified to them the qualities of undaunted courage, extraordinary ingenuity, imagination, resourcefulness, patience and frugality. In times of difficulties and storms, she stood as the 'rock of Gibraltar' and became a symbol of faith, courage and dignity. Eventually, she became a grandmother for 21 times and great-grandmother for 24 times."

The Rev. Tovmassian continued to state that Mother Kezlarian was also a Matriarch of the Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit for which she prayed, worked and shed tears so that it might be true to its calling. In addition, she was a Matriarch of the ministers who pastored the Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit.

Her children have indicated that they will augment this endowment fund so that greater spiritual service might be rendered to the memory of Avedis and Parantzem Kezlarian. This is a most op-

pertune decision for it is a great concept to have one's worldly limitations overcome by the perpetuation of the effectiveness of one's possessions on this earth.

## DICRAN H. ARMAGHANIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

A fund, in the amount of \$2,000, has been established with the AMAA in the name of the late Mr. Dicran H. Armanaghian of 14 Shady Brook Lane, Old Greenwich, Connecticut by his wife, Arsha Louise. Mr. Armanaghian, principal owner of the Textile Importing Firm located for fifty years at 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City, died on May 7, 1974.

Son of a Protestant minister in Turkey, Mr. Armanaghian was born on August 28, 1885 and emigrated to the United States from Smyrna in 1922 following the Turkish massacre of World War I. He was a leading member of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York City and the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich.

Dr. Kenneth Wells, missionary in Siam (Thailand) for forty years, describes him in terms which others who have known him confirm, "I always had the highest regard for Dicran — he was one of the great men I have known. He was a man of the utmost integrity, honest in word and deed, generous and constructive and he valued friendship. He valued the culture and virtues which he had known as a boy and was loyal to the best he had known."

Surviving him are his wife, the former Arsha Louise Yeramian, three daughters, three sisters, and nine grandchildren.

It is a most wonderful thing that his name will be perpetuated with an endowment fund, the income from which will be used for child education.

## BROUSA SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

By VIOLET E. HARONIAN\*

It was sometime in January 1938 that our principal of the Brousa School, Miss Janie L. Jillson, arrived in New York City from Beirut.

After the Turks had taken her school away, she had been obliged to leave Turkey and had gone on to Beirut where she began to help through her friends the newly-established Armenian Evan-

\*In 1972, the President, Mrs. Mona Johannes, and Secretary, Mrs. Violet E. Haronian, of the Brousa School Girls' Club, came to the AMAA office, then in New York, and indicated that due to decreased membership they had to dissolve the Club. They wanted to know, however, if they could arrange for the continued support of the child or children sponsored by their Club. Whereupon it was agreed to transfer the balance in their account to the AMAA as an endowed fund the income from which would be used to continue the Child Education Sponsorship. Over the years, many members have added and continue to add to the fund, the total of which now stands at \$3,290.

gelical School. And then, finally, in she had come back home to retire.

It was then that we, the alumni school, got together to welcome the home of one of the members.

It was a very pleasant reunion girls to get together as well as to see old principal.

After spending a pleasant evening was resolved that we would meet least once a month, not only socializing with the suggestion of Miss Jillson help as many poor students as we can in the name of our Brousa School that this financial help should go to Armenian Evangelical School in Beirut. Secondly, we resolved that we can organization: "Brousa School Club."

We have successfully carried out our aim. We got in touch with almost every member in every state. We have many, many pleasant meetings and raising affairs. To my sorrow, the have brought our social gathering to an end. Many members have passed away and some of us are now in poor health.

However, we have found the way have been given the assurance that scholarships will continue.

This is possible because of the endowment fund we have established the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

I am most grateful to our survey members for having answered my most generously to make it possible to perpetuate our club's name and its works!

The Brousa School Girls' Club members wish to pay tribute to and bear recognition upon the late Mrs. Yeramian Dingilian, who, though had no official title, did more to keep our Club than anyone of us through her numerous tireless efforts.

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"How truly wretched would be our school and a regular educational condition indeed if everyone along the Armenian Evangelical Community starting with our parents lived only contributing substantially to for themselves? Even our relationsmenian existence in two centers — Christ, our personal Lord and Saviour and Isfahan (New Julfa). There would be in doubt if someone had the opportunity to live for himself alone by withholding the gospel message from us.

"We are all recipients at one time another. Do we respond to God's opportunities for fruitful labor? Any less than our best is shortchanging humanity, and ourselves. Thank God His gifts and the opportunity to put them to use. How terrible it would be to waste even a moment, let alone a lifetime."

We serve that Lord who said, "He saveth his own life shall lose it and that loseth his life for my sake shall it."

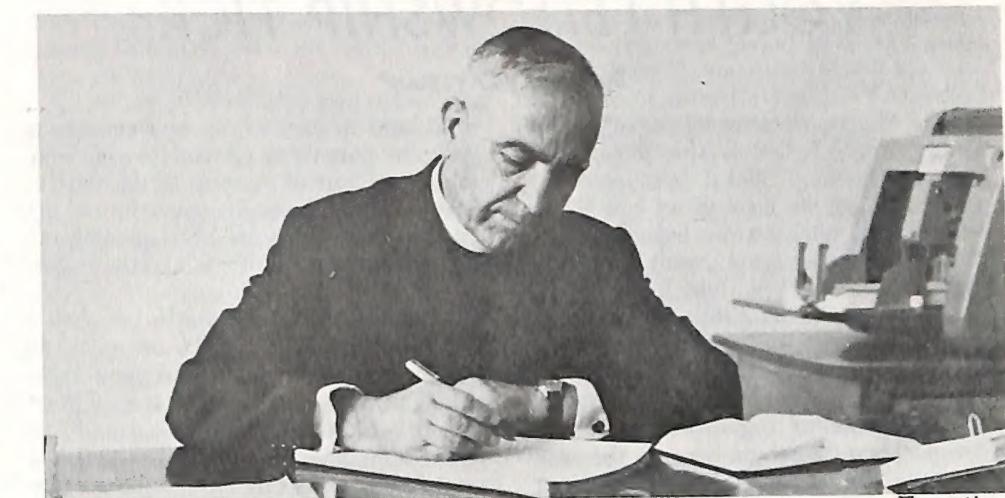
By THE EDITOR

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On inquiry if there are individuals and families in physical and psycho-

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logical need, the Reverend Khachadourian responds: "Yes, there are many old and helpless individuals in need of assistance. Our church in Teheran alone provides material help to sixty (60) families. We organize 21-day Summer camps for many undernourished children. We serve hot lunches at the school to 60 children. We also provide material aid to people with chronic illnesses as well as for hospitalization and medical care for others suffering from illnesses. There are, in addition, the mentally disturbed and broken families without the abundance of American-styled human institutions."

### 3. Educational

The schools need constant up-gradings to meet the local government demands, better and healthier facilities, improved salary and benefit conditions for teachers. At the moment, there is a need for an able young principal to replace the more than 80-year old principal of the New Julfa Anoushavan School who continues to serve since his pleadings to replace him remain unanswered.

### 4. Building Facilities

The immediate need is for a modern Christian Center in a thickly populated Armenian quarter in the outskirts of Teheran in which youth and adult work could be centralized. Land for this purchase has already been purchased but the response of a benevolent Armenian is awaited.

We ask your prayers and continued support for Rev. N. Khachadourian and others listed below who so ably minister in Christ's Name in Teheran:

Rev. Nerses Khachadourian, Pastor

Rev. Ghazar Thomassian, Pastor, responsible for services in Majidieh where many Armenian families are settled; a rented house is used for prayer meetings.

Mr. Nicol Mouradian, President of the Church Corporation.

Mr. Tadeos Michaelian, Executive Secretary of the Bible Society, a layman and free preacher who is always ready to be of help to the church.

Mrs. G. Khachadourian, evangelist and one responsible for ladies' meetings, principal of the Sunday School, and supervisor of the hot lunch service at the school.

Miss Arpine Mahshigian, commissioned by the AMAA and responsible for the Christian education activities and is leader of the Christian Endeavor.

Miss Hasmik Nahapetian, Part-time Secretary, responsible for English correspondence.

Miss Seda Shamirian, Secretary.

Miss Arpine Mahshigian reports that she is quite busy with Gohar Mesrobian School choir rehearsals. The children sing songs in Armenian, Persian and in English. Arpine is continuing her youth and Sunday School activities, Daily Vacation Bible School in four locations — Teheran, Narmek, Majidieh and New Julfa, Isfahan. She also held a retreat for 66 junior youth. Those who attended felt blessed by the Holy Spirit and returned to their homes with a great joy in their hearts. Arpine expressly asked, "Remember the work of the Lord in Teheran in your prayers."

The future in Iran is bright. Under the sovereignty of the most progressive and benevolent Shah, His Imperial Majesty Muhammed Riza Shah Pahlevi, the Armenians in Iran can look forward to a golden age. The time is now! As Shakespeare put it,

"There is a tide  
In the affairs of men  
Which taken at the flood  
Leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of  
their lives  
Is spent in shallows and  
in miseries."

Let us ride the tide of opportunities in Iran.

# WHAT MAKES OUR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TICK?

By KARL V. AVAKIAN\*

The Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church Youth Fellowship has the answer! Our youth group "ticks" because about five years ago we were given new direction, slowly getting away from the club-like atmosphere. As a result some accepted Christ, "and our leader, Karl Avakian," claim the youth, "kept us on course." At that time, when the college group was non-existent, a handful of turned-on high school graduates accepted the challenge of organizing a college group. These members became the core group of a growing movement, learning to witness, love, cooperate, direct and have fun in the Lord.

Today, after many years of hard work, we have three groups, where seventy or more young people attend every Sunday. Organization and cooperation are strengths of the group. Members are willing to do their share, even if it is something they don't particularly like to do, because they know it is their responsibility as leaders and helpers. There is love and care in the group. There is devotion of time and energy, a genuine interest in matters of the youth and the church. This has been possible because our goals are primarily spiritual, and we have developed ourselves through prayers, Bible studies, lectures and sharing; we have attempted to become an open group whose purpose is to spread the Good News.

The church leadership and membership have supported our projects, contributing their time, expertise, and money readily. At our recent youth banquet the ladies prepared Koofta and Borag for five hundred and sixty people. Many helped in different capacities. Fifty parents and friends donated one thousand and sixty seven dollars, enough to cover all our expenses. The proceeds from this banquet will help cover part of our Eastern States tour expenses. This will enable us to attend the First Youth Assembly of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of North America. The following is part of our thank you letter, and best describes our feelings.

"Greetings from your younger brothers and sisters in Christ."

We thank you for your one hundred percent support of our youth banquet. It

is so hard to express our appreciation to you, our parents in Christ, for your continued support of our trip to the Eastern States. Your encouragement in all our projects has given us even greater initiative to serve our Lord as His ambassadors.

God has been so giving to us that if all goes accordingly, we'll be going all the way to Boston to expand our fellowship. Your support is helping a once great notion into 'Boston here we come!' It is our hope and prayer that we will live up to your expectations and be worthy representatives of our Lord and church."

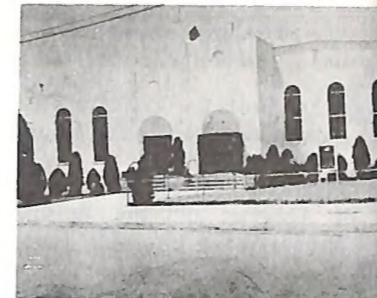
This continued loving and sharing relationship with our adults has and will prove an invaluable learning experience.

The above statements by our youth are real, very encouraging and uplifting. We have had joy and unity in the group, Christ has been the common denominator, our "raison d'être." We also have had our difficult moments, experienced the agonies of self evaluation and human frailty, discovered the price of Christian discipleship, and the cost of true commitment.

We have had apathy and complaints. But we have been fortunate to slowly gain the maturity and the strength to work out difficulties and differences, to look beyond ourselves. We have had, among some, the lack of discipline, concern and responsibility. But we also have those who are willing to serve, those who are committed to the proposition that the life prescribed by Christ is not a dull ambiguous probability, but an exciting, practical, worth passing-on reality.

We have been blessed by a very talented, intelligent and committed group of young people willing to put their commitment on the line, willing to pass it on. A good example was our youth banquet.

About a hundred young people worked and participated. They worked long hours planning, decorating, serving, setting tables, cleaning up, preparing for the excellent program, and smiling. True, at times some were perhaps irresponsible, still many helped. The last part of the banquet program was a testimony in word and song. It was late. We were tired. Still the songs were sung better than ever in harmony and praise. In the words of the prophet Joel, our dreams had in part been realized because God had poured out on us His Spirit. (Joel 2:28-29) The many hours spent in small and large Bible study groups, on the college campuses, in homes and at the



Bethany Church, Oakland

## The Spirit of Bethany

By ARMEN SEKLEMIAN\*

The Bethany Armenian Congregational Church of Oakland first met for worship on March 5, 1925. It was organized as a church on December 7, 1930. The following distinguished roster of members pastored the church during its allotted to Teheran, Iran building program. Reverends H. A. Kartozian, V. Ham (offices, meeting hall, residence, M. G. Papazian, M. Ajian, be built adjacent to Soorp Hovghoian, M. Koeroglian, K. Bedrossian Church and Kohar Mesrobian Boudakian, Ted Lyons, H. Apkabool, linking these together into an Alexanian, Th. Daghlian and Harolmenian religious and cultural center.

On September 19, 1965 at a

membership meeting of the Church in 1972 ..... 20,363 was decided to dissolve the Church remaining balance was allotted to effective January 1, 1966, that the building program for a new church property be sold, that the fund be used through the AM of Teheran. Thus the final rema a new Bethany Church building nt was at last destined for the purpose in the Near East where it was intended.

most needed. The votes were 13 in favor and 2 against and 3 abstentions.

On December 29, 1965, at the session of the Church Council, the church building was approved by the church buildings scattered over continents. We thank God for the opportunity to have been of service to

\*Mr. Armen Seklemian, Secretary of the Fund Trustees from 1966 to 1972, has this as a final report of the Trustees to the members of the Bethany Armenian Congregational Church. Minutes of the Trustees, closing of the Church, outline of events, place of origin of church records are available in the office for those who may desire copies.

## DR. RUTH AZNIV PARMELEE

church, studying and sharing theoretical and practical levels to enhance spiritual growth and will be a definite asset in the future. Many joined in church membership, aware of the responsibilities involved. The missionary giving has tripled over the year. They are supporting a mission student and his family substantially on a monthly basis, and have pledged a hundred dollar scholarship to Hahn College in memory of a brother in law. It should be noted that these monies come from our youth's earnings on projects. Our collegians in charge of the Junior High fellow.

Soon they will help out with the school. It is also our hope and prayer that we will serve beyond the confines of our church, come next September. As our young people said, "We've come a long ways, and have a long way to go!"

the American Board of Commissioners contributed the services of Dr. Parmelee for post-war medical work in connection with the Near East Relief in Harpoot where thousands of war orphans had been gathered.

From 1923-1941, the services of Dr. Parmelee were contributed to the American Women's Hospitals to do hospital work for the Asia Minor refugees in Greece. During this time, she established and conducted a hospital of 100 beds, founded the first school of nursing, was appointed Director of all American Women's Hospitals in Greece, made Advisor to various Greek institutions and organizations, appointed Member of the Administrative Council and Scientific Technical Director of the School of Nursing. She was also responsible for opening the Children's Hospital, "St. Sophia," under the Patriotic Foundation of Social Welfare and Prevention. During the Greco-Italian War (1940-41), she was a member of the Archbishop's Committee for giving relief to bombarded families, Consultant at the Seventh Military Hospital, Founder and Director of a center supported by the American Women's Hospitals for giving medical relief to civilians suffering due to the war, and a member of the Greek War Relief Committee for war victims.

From 1943-47, Dr. Parmelee was loaned to the Near East Foundation to do medical relief work for refugees outside of Greece involving work with UNRRA. During these years she took over from a British Army Captain the responsibility of Senior Medical Officer for 8,000 escapees from the German Occupation and

following the liberation of Greece in the Fall of 1945, UNRRA assigned her as Regional Medical Officer for the Cyclades Islands (nine islands). The balance of her four-year period of service under Near East Foundation (1946-47) was spent as Medical Adviser and Director of the School of Physical Therapy.

After a year of absence in the U.S., the American Board, in 1948, sent Dr. Parmelee to serve in Pierce College in Elliniko, Greece. As a teacher of Hygiene she gave courses to high school and college students in Personal Hygiene, and Medical Information. She was actively engaged in this work until her retirement to the U.S. in June, 1953.

Dr. Parmelee's dedicated life to the sick, orphaned and deprived received worthy recognition from statesmen and royalty alike. She was awarded the "Silver Cross of the Chevalier of the Order of the Savior" by the exiled King George II of the Hellenes in 1923; Citation for "Outstanding and Meritorious Service" by General Sir Bernard Paget, British Commander of the Middle East Forces, in 1945; Appointment by H.M. King Paul of the Hellenes as "Commander of the Royal Order of Epipli" received in the U.S. in May, 1954.

Dr. Ruth Azniv Parmelee, friend of the late Altoon and Sarra Saprichians, had a warm heart for deprived Armenians. She was the sponsor of an Istanbul Youth Home child, Sebuh Yegbasyan, for whom she made a substantial advance payment so that he would not be deprived of care and schooling.

The Board of Directors salutes Dr. Parmelee for her humanitarian endeavors.



Dr. Parmelee with an armful of Armenian and Greek refugee babies (Greece, 1923).



Sebuh Yegbasyan

The AMAA office staff meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. for a brief devotional period. In recognition of our dependence on God and desire to pray for one another and the work of the AMAA and those working in the mission field, the office staff cordially invites interested persons to join them during the weekly devotional period. Those unable to be present bodily may set aside 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, as a time of prayer to uphold the efforts of the staff.

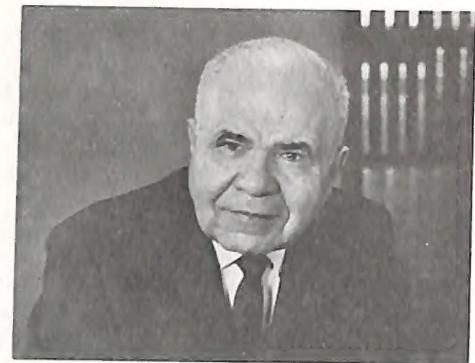
\*The following is a composite of articles written by members of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church youth, at the request of the Editor who was both impressed and inspired by the participation of the youth in the Banquet they had organized in Fresno and at which the Editor was present. The article was edited and completed by Karl V. Avakian, Christian Education Director of the Pilgrim Church.

## SARKIS BOGOSIAN BEQUEATHS HALF OF HIS LAGUNA BEACH ESTATE TO THE AMAA

Mr. Sarkis Bogosian, a committed Christian and a businessman of high ethical standards, died as a result of a tragic accident on April 13, 1972 having been struck by a car. He was very well-known to the Executive Secretary of the AMAA, Dr. G. Choupourian, not only as a friend, but as one of his parishioners during his pastorate at the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church in Philadelphia. At that time, Mr. Bogosian had made inquiries of Dr. Choupourian regarding the best use of the Laguna Beach Estate as a donation and the Executive Secretary had recommended the income for higher education. Mr. Bogosian bequeathed half of his Laguna Beach Estate (valued at \$160,000) to the AMAA and the remaining half to the ASA and the AGBU in equal shares. The income of this property will be used for scholarships at Haigazian College.

Born to Boghos and Mariam (nee Balian-Der Haroutunian) on August 1, 1895 in Chunkoosh and the grandson of a priest, he received his 8th grade education in his home town with the prospect of preparing for the Christian ministry in Kharpert. But disillusioned by the treatment the Armenians received by the Turks, he left his home town on May 11, 1911 and disembarked in Philadelphia on September 13th of the same year. After working for his uncle for a few months, he went on to Milwaukee to work in a shoe factory. He planned to return home to Kharpert in 1913 to please his parents. Before doing so, he entered an apprenticeship for photography to use as a vocation back home. With the outbreak of World War I, prior to his return, he was unable to execute his plans. The last message received from home on March 7, 1915 stated that his parents were glad he was not in Kharpert. His parents had become victims of the Turkish Armenianocide.

He was proud to be inducted in the U. S. Army on September 19, 1917 and expressed genuine patriotism when he said, "Now is the opportune time to show my appreciation to my newly-adopted country which received me with outstretched arms and saved me from the savage Turks." Honorable discharged in 1919, after duty in France, he returned to Philadelphia, served on the staff of photographers at the New York Shipyard in Camden, N. J. and opened his first photography shop in 1920. He became well-known as a successful camera shop operator, but more than that, he came to be known as an honest and reliable businessman.



A firm believer and a church lover, he established membership with the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church and served in various official capacities. He had a deep sense of trust in God's providential guidance and care which philosophy is evidenced in his autobiography: "In all the activities I undertook, it seemed that Unseen Hands of the Lord have led the way." Undoubtedly, it was this very belief that made him optimistic in life and a generous steward of God who has created all of his children as trustees in this world to administer His gifts to people with love.

Mr. Bogosian is survived by his sons, John and Edward and four grandchildren. Both of his sons have served the Philadelphia Branch of the ASA as president. John has also served as Central Executive Committee president and chairman of the Board of Trustees as well as chairman of the Scholarship Committee and is presently a member of the Board of Trustees of the ASA. His sons have also been charitable to the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

It was Mr. Bogosian's belief that a man must give to this world a little more than he has received. In making his estate "work" after his death, he has complied with his own conviction. The Board of Directors, while saddened by his departure, are mighty proud of Mr. Bogosian's commitment to human needs.

The President of the AMAA, Mr. George Philibosian, and the Executive Secretary, Dr. G. Choupourian, had the pleasure of meeting the above ten Armenian theological students at NEST in Beirut during their May visit. The students, from left to right, are: Standing—Tateos Micalelian, Manasseh DerGarabedian, Bagdo Khokhikian, Soghomon Kilaghbian, Hagop Orchanian, Afram Nassau, Hovhannes Kevrekian. Kneeling—John Mokkosian, Penamin Aroyan, Samuel Tashjian.

## Sincere Condol

- In one or more of the following cases, the Association has learned of the death of AMAA donor members listed below:
1. The friends or immediate relatives of the deceased AMAA members may file a claim with the AMAA office of their deceased relative.
  2. The AMAA was made beneficiary in a will or an estate.
  3. The AMAA was designated in the inscription of gifts in lieu of memory of the deceased.

There may be other members of the AMAA who have departed from whom we are not aware or overlooked. The Board of Directors request that the AMAA office be informed. The Board would like to extend its belated condolences to the families of those who have passed away through the medium of this letter.

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Watertown, Mass.

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